



**Orange County  
Continuum of Care Board Meeting  
December 17, 2020**

# **Continuum of Care Manager Update**

Zulima Lundy, Continuum of Care Manager

## Business Calendar – Item #2

### CoC Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

- No update, still pending action.

### Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 2

- NOFA released on November 13, 2020
- Application is due January 25, 2021
- The Office of Care Coordination will complete the application on behalf of the CoC as the designated Administrative Entity
- Will support Homekey Operations per prior CoC Board action
- Transitional Aged Youth Set Aside to be programmed at later date.

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## COVID-19 Homelessness Response Funding

- Maximizing Funding Available
  - Expenditures to date will be paid with CARES Act funding through December 2020.
  - Letter of Agreements for the provision of Alternative Shelter Placement will continue to be an available resource to the Continuum of Care Providers
- Approximately 8,780 alternative shelter nights have been provided
  - 90 individuals at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness
  - 101 families experiencing unsheltered homelessness

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## Request For Proposals (RFP)

- COVID-19 Homelessness and Prevention Response RFP
  - Review underway
  - Applicants will be notified when funding recommendations are being considered by the CoC Board
- Coordinated Entry System for Individuals RFP
  - RFP closed
  - Review underway
- Bridges at Kraemer Place RFP
  - Bid Number: 042-C031313-BD
  - Bid Starts: Dec 10, 2020
  - Bid Ends: Jan 11, 2021 at 4 p.m.

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## State of California

### Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS)

- Technology solution that allows the State of California to access and compile standardized homelessness data collected by individual CoCs in order to make data-driven policy decisions aimed at preventing and ending homelessness in California.
- Will require limited access to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Envisioned that HDIS will also pull client data from state systems to provide a more holistic picture of state and locally provided services

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## Commission to End Homelessness - Homeless Service Mapping Survey

- Survey to better understand the services and resources in Orange County for those experiencing homelessness
- Information collected will support the mapping of the System of Care
- Survey requests:
  - Primary contact details
  - Services provided, including capacity and types of assistance
  - Eligibility and target populations
  - Funding duration and sources
  - Referral and access criteria

# **CoC Board Meeting Calendar**

Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager



# Business Calendar – Item #2

## Recommended Action

- Approve the CoC Board Meeting Calendar for the 2021 calendar year.

# **HMIS User License Fee Policy**

Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager and Erin DeRycke,  
HMIS Lead

# Business Calendar – Item #3

## Background

- Policies, Procedures and Standard Committee was presented with proposals for the HMIS User License Fee Policy
  - Proposals presented during the October, November, and December meetings
- Provided mechanism for feedback and questions
- 211OC and the Office of Care Coordination worked to incorporate feedback and update the proposals

# Business Calendar – Item #3

## Policy implementation plan, pending approval of recommended action

- Policy to be implemented in January 2021.
- 211OC will notify agencies that the proposal has been approved by the CoC Board, and what the agency's charge will be.
- Agencies will have 60 days notice to submit their payment.
- 211OC and HCA will re-evaluate the proposal and implementation in Fall 2021 to ensure the fee structure continues to meet the CoC's needs.
- Any proposed changes to the policy will be taken to PPS Committee.

# Business Calendar – Item #3

## Recommended Action

Approve the HMIS User License Fee Policy as recommended by the Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee. The HMIS User License Fee Policy is applicable to all agencies participating in the Orange County HMIS.

- Agencies that receive state and/or federal funding that require HMIS participation will be charged for the number of licenses the agency has active at the end of the calendar year, based on the fee structure detailed below:
  - 1 – 5 users: \$500 annually
  - 6 or more users: \$2,500 annually
- If a user has access to multiple agencies in HMIS, only the agency where the user is employed will be charged.
- Agencies that are newly awarded funding that requires HMIS participation during the calendar year will be required to pay \$500 prior to the awarded funding being implemented in HMIS.
- There will be no charge for agencies not receiving funding that requires HMIS participation.

**Policies, Procedures and Standards  
(PPS) Committee – At Large  
Membership Appointment**  
Maricela Rios-Faust, Vice Chair

# Business Calendar – Item #4

## Background

- During the November 2020 CoC Board meeting, Tim Shaw was elected the new Chair of the CoC Board and Maricela Rios-Faust was elected the new Vice Chair of the CoC Board.
- By becoming the Vice Chair of the CoC Board, Maricela Rios-Faust will now be the chair the PPS Committee.
- Maricela Rios-Faust had served on the PPS Committee as an At Large member and with the transition, one to two seats are available to fill.
- The PPS Committee will have one or two new At large members to join in January 2021.

# Business Calendar – Item #4

## Recommended Action

- Appoint Matt Bates and Christina Weckerly-Ramirez to the PPS Committee as At-Large Members.



**2021 Point in Time (PIT) Unsheltered  
Count Recommendation**

Zulima Lundy, Continuum of Care Manager

# Business Calendar – Item #5

## Background

- November 16, 2020 – HUD released guidance for CoCs on conducting the federal mandated bi-annual PIT Unsheltered Count
  - Prioritize safety and health of volunteers, staff and people experiencing homelessness
  - Follow COVID-19 safety guidelines and Public Health recommendations
  - Offered flexibilities such as conducting an observation –only count, extending the timeframe, relying on more statistical sampling

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- Request for an exception to not conduct an unsheltered count in 2021, is recommended for several reasons including:
  - Current public health guidance
  - High rate of COVID-19 cases in Orange County
  - Concerns about the health and safety of volunteers and individuals experiencing homelessness who are encountered
  - Local hospital being overwhelmed and limited ICU beds capacity
  - Current stay-at-home order including an overnight curfew
  - Difficulty in recruiting volunteer
  - Concerns about the accuracy of an unsheltered count given the above listed factors, to reveal a true comparison to past count and future counts

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## Recommended Action

- Approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Administrative Lead for the Orange County Continuum of Care to request an exemption from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to not conduct an unsheltered count in 2021

